has just now stated in his reply to the question asked by Mr. Bharadwaj that DSIDC could not deal or could not export the steel to foreign countries independently. I would like to ask the Minister whether this was done with the permission of the Government or not. If not, did the Government go into question and asked the Delhi Administration or the Delhi State Industrial Development Corporation not to indulge in such deal in future. Second, Sir, I would like to ask the Minister when the Delhi State Industrial Development Corporation had sustained losses in the first transaction, why they pursued it again in exporting steel.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: Sir, as far as the Delhi State Industrial Development Corporation is concerned, in the articles of association it has the power to deal in export, import etc. I did not say that it did not have the authority. I say, it should not have done this business because that is not their usual business There is an impression that I have said that it did not have any inherent power. That was not so. It has the authority in its articles of association. But this is a job which they should not have done because that is not their normal business. Sir, as far as the first and the second stages and why it deal in that are concerned, the whole matter is over. It has been examined. The Vigilance Commission report is also there. And action is being contemplated.

*289. [*The questioner (Shri Bir Bhadra Pratap Singh) was absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 42 infra].

**levy cement for states**

*290. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantum of levy cement requested by different State Governments from the Central during the years 1984 and 1985; and

(b) what is the total quantity in tonnes of cement supplied by the Centre through Public Distribution System during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The total allocations made to all States Union Territories during 1984 and 1985 are as under:—

(in lakh tonnes)

| Year | Total allocation to the States including allocation for Drinking Water Supply Programmes but excluding Irrigation & Power |
|---|---|
| 1984 . . . | 85·06 |
| 1985 (Jan.-Sept.) . | 67·49 |

(b) The public distribution System is decided by the States/Union Territories through their concerned Departments and the quantum of cement to be distributed to eligible individuals/societies is decided by the States/Union Territories.

SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Is there a proposal to increase the cement quantity to be distributed through the public distribution system further?

SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH: Not at the present moment.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Second supplementary?

SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: No.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nothing.

*291. [*The questioner (Shri Kailash Rati Mishra) was absent. For answer* vide *col.* 42-43 infra].